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DOCUMENTS

DIARY OF A JOURNEY TO WISCONSIN IN 1840¹

Review of Journal. The afternoon on which I left Mr. Hill's was pleasant but warm and I was surprised as much as delighted at having rendered so satisfactory an example of my pedestrian exploits. Was somewhat fatigued on arriving at Mr. King's but a bowl of good mush & milk aided by a sound night's rest in an airy apartment wholly revived & 5 o'clock in the morning found me earnestly plodding my way. By deviating 100 rods from the road I was enabled to stand beside the crystallized Lake & gaze on its mirrored surface. The land about the E[ast] end or foot is rather low & marshy being the source of a fine stream which empties into fox river at the Cornish-Ville Ferry-² & which must in time prove a valuable mill seat. On the north side of the lake were encamped 5 family wagons from Indiana on their way to the Territory Laden with squatters. The water on this prairie is good well water & is obtained by digging from 20 to 30 feet. After walking 6 miles I took breakfast at Mr. William's where I stopped over-night when going down after which 14 miles³ brought me to the house of a Mr. Disbrow about 1 o'clock P. M. where I overtook a load of land-seekers among whom were Mr. Toppen of Scoharrie Co. & Mr. [Carey of Montg[omery] Co. N. Y. They had dined here & were just leaving Mr. T. intimated that I would find "hard-feed." Indeed, on entering the house every sense of cleanliness & order & decency was violated. I dared not look around me for fear of discovering to the inmates signs of horror & astonishment. But I must make my presence accountable, accordingly I called for a bowl of milk the simplest & most likely to be clean of any thing I could imagine & by scarcely touching the bread was enabled to dispose of the milk to the satisfaction of my hostess.

¹ The following is the second installment of the diary of Frederick J. Starin, of which the first appeared in the September number of this magazine. The first portion of this installment consists of a review which the writer makes of his return journey from Illinois, for which see pages 93-94 *ante*.

² This ferry was at the junction of Crystal Lake outlet with Fox River. It was the site of an old Indian ford.

³ Within this distance the traveler passed from Illinois into Wisconsin.

But in conclusion and without the particulars allow me to call it the filthiest, & most disagreeable house I have seen this side the lakes. By walking five miles farther I reached the house [of] Elder Lake on Bigfoot Prairie, & in the evening saw Mr. Trimball respecting his farm. This Prairie is wholly free from Sloughs, has a few good springs & is remarkably level & adapted to agricultural purposes. Remaining at the Elder's untill 7 o'clock in the morning, when I set out for Beloit. The weather was warm and after leaving the prairie wended a weary way of 7 miles through the openings between Big-foot & Jefferson Prairies, which are unbroken except by an occasional slough. The surface is gently rolling—Jefferson prairie is yet but thinly settled & has an elevated rolling surface. From the house of Mr. [Charles] Tuttle who lives on the west side till within 4 miles of the river I passed through openings the most pleasant and delightful I ever saw. The Timber was white, Burr & Pin oak. Then striking the prairie & pursuing as I was directed the most traveled road found after I had proceeded near two miles that it was closed & had not been traveled in some time. Now here was a predicament. The turtle creek before me & no means of crossing, a shower black as night approaching from the southeast, aware that I was on the wrong track, & no house in sight nor living being. I however instinctively started back up the creek and after walking & scrambling more than a mile over a bramble heath broken by the washing of the stream & the rain threatening every moment to descend in torrents upon me I at last found myself within a hundred yards of a small barn built house on an eminence, in my eagerness to arrive at which I had till now over-looked the fact that it was beyond the creek. Here was another dilemma, The rain beginning already to patter freely on my outspread umbrella. The creek before me & the house beyond it a wet back or soaked feet was inevitable so I off with my boots, & waded, reached the house & saved my back but got two feet of my length completely drenched. after adjusting my boots & socks once more & taking a luncheon. The sky was clear, & a *stiff* walk of two miles bro't me to the door of the Beloit Hotel. I was much charmed with the appearance of the place. It contains about 400 inhabitants, is bounded on the

west by Rock river & south by the Turtle creek, at the mouth of which is a Grist mill & saw mill. There is on[e] Hotel, 2 stores, 1 church school house & a number of small but neat dwellings in the place. It is laid out in a grove & is at once a smart, healthy, romantic & delightful place. The Banks on the opposite side of the river are high Bluffs supported by level & extensive prairie. The river is at this place a clear and gravelly bottomed stream about 5 feet deep & 20 rods wide, & I here first saw the self-propelling rope-ferry boat. Left by way of the river road found some very fine situations in the grove along the east bank of the river which varies in width from $\frac{1}{2}$ to $1\frac{1}{2}$ mile beyond which it is Prairie 5 to 6 miles in width. After following the river 7 miles I took the Prairie road & touched it again opposite Wisconsin City,⁴ where I arrived about $\frac{1}{2}$ past 12 o'clock 12 miles from Beloit. I here proposed crossing to see that celebrated city, & after paddling, rocking, pitching heaving, getting my knees & Baggage wet in an old wornout leaky Indian dug-out I finally landed, and lo! the city had vanished or never was, all that could be seen was the skeleton of a frame building scattered in fragments over the site, well seasoned & sprung. Was much delighted with the high bluffs southwest of Rock-port covered with a growth of young pin-oak and altogether a place where I think I could spend my days. Rock-Port is situated on a plain elevated about 6 or 7 feet above the bottoms—consists of 3 dwellings & one barn, and better water I never saw than I found at the door of an Old gentleman who seems to spend there the evening of life in the enjoyment of every blessing of paradise. About $\frac{1}{2}$ a mile north & across the river is Janesville the County Seat of Rock Co. & not a very pleasant nor thriving place Here I found an opportunity to ride across Rock Prairie 9 miles & Put up for the night at Mr. Stearn's 3 miles west of Johnstown P. O. A lack of good water is the only difficulty here.

Sunday June 14th 1840—Mr. Pratt & myself passed the forenoon at church at the house of Mr. [Azor] Kinney & in the afternoon Mr. Norman Pratt & I went to section 1—where we found the largest spring I ever saw on a lot belonging to my brother.

⁴ Wisconsin City was a "paper town" laid out in 1836 on the west side of Rock River just below Janesville. Part of its site is now within the city limits.

Monday June 15th 1840—Examined the E. $\frac{1}{2}$ of the s[blank in MS.] this A. M. & Journalised in the afternoon. In the evening two of Mr. Pratt's sons the Old Gentleman himself & another young man officiated as musicians, & unadorned and unticketed there was a simultaneous gathering of "Girls & Boys" untill it finally ended in a lively & cheerful dance. I cannot but remark how forcibly my reflections were carried back to those often envied evenings of olden-time when the yeomen pioneers of the Mohawk would collect in one of their best Log-cabins and pass the merry, merry night. . . .

Tuesday June 16th 1840—Passed most of the day, in writing home. Had music at Mr. Norman Pratt's this evening.

Wednesday June 17th 1840—This afternoon Mr. Pratt succeeded in getting the foundation framework of his barn laid, & in completing the preparations for raising which is to take place tomorrow after-noon.

Thursday June 18th 1840—This after-noon about 60 men succeeded in erecting the frame of Mr. P's barn, which is 50 feet square Was gratified to find that here as well as elsewhere in the Territory the use of ardent spirits is wholly abandoned on such occasions. And the whole affair was conducted with more order & less noise than any I had ever before witnessed.

Friday June 19th 1840—First heard of the appropriations made for improving the Wisconsin harbors on Lake Michigan. To wit: \$25,000 for Milwaukie \$,000 [sic] for Racine \$,000 [sic] South Port. Green Peas on the 6th & 8th of June.

This after-noon there was a goodly number of Ladies visiting at Mr. Pratt's, Mrss McGoon & Earl. Sat up till 1 o'clock for the purpose of ascertaining the true meridian of this place from the polar Star, from which The Magnetic was found to vary $6^{\circ}12'E$

Saturday June 20th 1840—Having the offer of Mr. A. B. Weed's horse to ride I accepted it & rode to Fort Atkinson this afternoon, which is 8 or 9 miles distant. At the fort (which is now demolished, & never was anything more than a few pickets occupied by Gen. Atkinson during the Black-hawk war,) there is but one house owned by a Mr. [Dwight] Foster who keeps the

Ferry. Returned by way of Finch's who lives on sec. 30 Town 5 R 14 The River land is mostly openings on which some fine improvements have been made, & some comfortable locations may be found. In consequence of the lowland near the mouth of Bark River & the great quantity of water grass &c. in Rock river it proves to be rather Fever & aguish about & below the Fort. From Finche's to White Water Prairie it is nearly all rolling openings. Was overtaken & well sprinkled by a shower from the Southwest which continued till near sun-set & was succeeded by an unusually bright & well-defined rainbow.

Monday June 22nd 1840—Dr. Tripp having come out as far as this place [Whitewater] on Saturday with a load of Oats on his way to Fort Winnebago, intending to proceed to-day, I made application for & succeeded in obtaining a chance to ride with him. Dea. W. B. Johnson's team was to accompany him laden with flour. Accordingly we set out this morning about ten o'clock in the direction of Rock Prairie the northern part of which we crossed. Came to the river $2\frac{1}{2}$ or 3 miles above Janes Ville at a place called Hume's Ferry ⁵ where we crossed by means of a pole Ferry-boat. At this place there are no bottoms & the road approaches the river in a ravine which seems to have been formed for the very purpose. The prairie along the river is bordered by a strip of beautiful level openings. The stream here is as large as at Beloit & has a clean gravel bed. The opposite bank has a gentle ascent from the water's edge & is rendered romantic & delightful by a Beautiful growth of burr-Oak with which it is covered. beyond this we crossed a small prairie 3 miles in length & put up at a house on the western extremity of it owned by a Mr. [Charles] McMillan

Teusday June 23d 1840—Started this morning about 7 o'clock & passed through some fine openings for about 4 miles after which it became broken, hilly, very shrubby & uninteresting. On sect. 15, town 4 Range 10 there lives a Mr. [Samuel] Lewis, whose house was the last we saw untill we came within a mile & a half of Madison, where after riding all day we stopped for the night at a Mr. [Abel] Dunning's

⁵ This ferry was on one of the main roads leading from Madison. See *Wis. Hist. Colls.*, vi. 369.

The country through which we passed is principally high Bluffy openings, very destitute of water so much so that we were unable to obtain any for drinking, untill we reached a small lake west of the 3d lake called "dead lake" [Lake Wingra] at the head of which we found several beautiful rock springs. The uninhabited state of this section of country I conclude can be attributed to nothing but a scarcity of water in as much as the surface was very level & well adapted to farming in every other respect between 4 & 7 miles from the Capital.⁶

Wednesday June 24th 1840—Feeling a desire to have an opportunity of seeing the Capital I set out on foot in advance of the teams for the city there to await their arrival. It is situated on high ground between the third & fourth lakes. The Capital is built of lime stone of a yellow colour & is large & commodious but is yet in an unfinished state. There are two public houses 2 stores & 2 Printing offices in this place besides a few shops & a number of dwelling houses. Contains about 3 or 400 inhabitants. Have no manufactures nor machinry of any kind. The people are very avaricious, are professed enemies & take every possible advantage of strangers, & to me the whole fabric seemed founded on selfishness, reared at the expence of the credulous & duped people & tottering now to its very base with the ague of speculation. The Country immediately about Madison is very illy adapted to farming & is yet unimproved. Four miles beyond we came to Winnebago prairie across which we traveled 23 miles finding but one house which is 7 miles from Madison. This prairie is high & rolling & at the north end very bluff, & on it we crossed but two streams of living water. put up for the night at the city of Pauquette⁷ which consists of one log cabin owned & occupied by a Mr. Rowen [Wallace Rowan], & is the Stage house & city Hotel. Two lines of stages run semi-weekly between Fort Winnebago & Madison. Pauquette was named in honor of an Indian trader whose widow now lives 2 miles above the portage on the Wisconsin river, he having been killed by a young chief of the Winnebagos

⁶ In all probability the tardy settlement of Dane County was due, not so much to lack of water, as to distance from the lake ports and the absorption of the best land by speculators, who sold higher than the government price.

⁷ The town then called Pauquette is now Poynette; it is said that the change of name was due to the post office officials at Washington misreading the word Pauquette.

by the name of Mazamonneekah who was tried at Green bay & sentenced to be hung but escaped thro. a crevice not in the prison but the law. The murder was committed 4 years since⁸

Thursday June 25th 1840—Between this place & the Portage the soil is light & sandy and somewhat springy. The surface is rolling & covered with a fine growth of white yellow & burr-Oak. We arrived and took breakfast on the southwest side of the Portage about 8 o'clock A. M. The Wisconsin & Fox rivers here approach within $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles of each other & then as if by mutual consent bend directly from each other and flow in opposite directions the waters of the one finally falling into the Gulf of St. Lawrence & the other into the Gulf of Mexico. The land between them is low & marshy for several miles in extent and so level that in times of Freshets they flow alternately into each other. A canal between them has been under contemplation for some time, but nothing more than the turf has yet been removed. On the Wisconsin there are a few trading houses & a tavern. near Fox river there is a store kept by Mr. [Henry] Merrill⁹ a tavern store house & black smith shop. The site of the Fort is on a beautiful, elevated plain in the bend of Fox river & is a very healthful & pleasant location. There is a store in the parade ground called the settler's [sutler's] store, directly opposite the Fort is a dwelling house & a trading house of the North Western Fur Company.¹⁰

On Teusday last The Eighth Regiment of U. S. left here for Prairie du Chien where the Winnebagos are now collected for their removal beyond the Mississippi. During our stay here I had an opportunity of bathing in the Wisconsin. It is a shallow stream much obstructed by sand bars, yet small steam boats have succeeded in ascending as far as this place. Great quantities of Pine lumber are annually rafted down to the Mississippi from The Pinery up the [river?] The water is filthy & considerably stained yet it is drank at the Portage. Having disposed of our Grain we returned to Pauquette in the evening.

Friday June 26th 1840—We were detained untill 2 o'clock

⁸ For this incident see *Wis. Hist. Colls.*, vii, 355-358.

⁹ For the reminiscences of this pioneer see *ibid.*, 366-403.

¹⁰ The American Fur Company, founded by John Jacob Astor.

P M in consequence of the straying of an indian Pony which Dr. T. had bo't from Mr. Rowen for floure when going up. James E. Williams Mr. Johnson's teamster & I then left him & came on as far as Mr. Bird's on section 28 town 8 Range 10, where we staid for the night

Saturday June 27th 1840—This morning we started in a southerly direction untill we struck the road leading from Madison to Astallan [Aztalan] which we then followed over a hilly, unsettled & inferior tract of land, some parts of which were covered with a heavy and promiscuous growth of Timber. On approaching & after passing a small lake in town 7 range 13 we again found openings & marks of cultivation. At its outlet there is a small settlement and a saw-mill.¹¹ Arrived at Mr. [Benjamin] Babcock's near the ancient city about 3 PM. & concluded to remain, which gave me an opportunity of viewing the ancient ruins of which I had heard so much

Sunday June 28th 1840—Last night we experienced a severe thunder gust from the south. This morning we started about 8 o'clock & arrived at White Water 1 o'clock P. M.

Monday June 29th 1840—I set out to-day about 11 o'clock A M for Milwaukie on foot and arrived at Dr. Tripp's house about 7 o'clock P. M. and spent the night there.

Teusday June 30th 1840—Having to walk 28 miles to-day I felt inclined to take an early leave and set out accordingly at 5 o'clock in the morning and walked as far as [A.] Orendoreff's Hotel on Fox river, where I breakfasted Beyond the river there were several trees lying across the road, which had probably been blown down on saturday night during the gale. took dinner at Mr. [Nathaniel] Rogers' about 11 o'clock Met Mr. Jacob McKonkey on his return from Milwaukie where he had been for the purpose of taking his brother James who was going east on the first Boat. Arrived at the town about 4 o'clock P. M. & stopped at the Milwaukie house kept by Mr. Graves Found Mr. McKonkey at the Steam Boat Hotel & wrote home with [sic] him. The independant Treasury bill passed this day.

Wednesday July 1st 1840—After having purchased some small

¹¹ For the early settlement of Lake Mills, see *Wis. Hist. Colls.*, xi, 417-434.

articles which were sent for by some persons at White Water & forwarded them by a Mr. [Phineas F.] Morrison from near Ft. Atkinson I started for Racine about $\frac{1}{2}$ past 12 o'clock & arrived about $\frac{1}{2}$ past 8 in the evening Stopped at the Racine House. It is a beautifully situated town at the mouth of Root river, on a high level bluff with an extensive view of the lake. There are 3 or 4 stores, two hotels, a court house and several neat dwelling houses in the place & between 3 & 400 inhabitants.

Thursday July 2nd 1840—Called on Mr. M M Goodwin with whom I became acquainted on board the Steamboat this spring & who was now attending the dry-good store of a Mr. [Philo] White. Left Racine about 2 o'clock P. M. & walked out 14 miles

Friday July 3d 1840—Started at $\frac{1}{2}$ past 5 this morning & breakfasted at Rochester a small place on Fox river 23 miles from Racine. There is here but little else than a saw-mill & two stores. passed through spring prairie, Honey Creek Pra. &c and arrived at the foot of the Bluff 5 miles East of White Water having walked 35 miles and here my lameness rendered it impracticable for me to proceed although I intended to have got through this evening. I therefore stopped for the night, made a supper of hot pan-cakes & dried venison & rested my weary bones on the hearth before the fire. The Land Office closes to-day at 4 o'clock P. M.

Saturday July 4th 1840—Started this morning about 4 o'clock & arrived at White Water about 6 found the people all sleepy both old & young having attended a party at Mr. Powers'¹² the night previous

Sunday July 5th 1840—I attended church this forenoon at Mr. Wm Birges house, where the Rev. Mr. [Daniel] Smith lectured from Eccl. XI, 9, on the impropriety of dancing, referring on the occasion to the Ball day before yesterday.

Monday July 6th 1840—To day I accompanied Mr. Norman Pratt on horse-back to Elkhorn Centre the County seat of Walworth Co. where the County commissioners had met for

¹² David J. Powers came from Vermont to Wisconsin in 1838; he and his brother Samuel settled first at Whitewater and aided in developing the water power; the next year D. J. Powers founded Palmyra. He was a member of the assembly in 1853, secretary of the State Agricultural Society for many years, and owner and editor of the *Wisconsin Farmer*. He was also an early member and curator of the State Historical Society. His death occurred in 1909.

transacting some business. One of them Col. [William] Bowman has recently been engaged in taking the Census of the County which resulted as follows, Town of Spring Prairie—658—Geneva 467, Elkhorn—441—Troy—432, Darien 232 Walworth 230—Delavan 150. Total—2610¹³

Teusday July 7th 1840—This afternoon with the assistance of F. Pratt I laid out ten acres for breaking on Henry's lot north of the mill

Wednesday July 8th 1840—Went to Mr. Humphreys¹⁴ this morning for the purpose of having him break some land, & he agreed to be ready to-morrow morning.

Thursday July 9th 1840—Expecting the breaking team along about I employed myself clearing & burning old wood from the ground. The sun was excessively hot in the P M, & having to work near the fires I sweat most profusely. Mr. Humphrey came not.

Friday July 10th 1840—This A. M. I drew off most of the old dead trees with Dr. Tripp's Oxen—and in the P. M. attended a raising (of a barn) at Mr. Teatshorns [John Teetshorn]

Sunday July 12th 1840—To-day in company with Messrs. Philarmon Pratt & P. C. Muzzy & a number of ladies I rode out. Went to Mr. [Norris F.] Haws's stopped a short time & then attended church at Mr. Humphrey's where Mr. Smith preach'd

Monday July 13th 1840—To-day about noon Mr. Humphrey came on to "Break up" ten acres of land for Henry on the south end of his lot north of White Water. *Commenced a family School.* To-day Mr. Pratt commenced cutting wheat. Mr. [Richard] Hoppin cut rye on Friday last.

Teusday July 14th 1840—This afternoon I clear'd off Tops. Mr. Humphrey broke his plow.

Wednesday July 15th 1840—This afternoon I went with Messrs. Smith & White looking land in town 4 Range 15.

Thursday July 16th 1840—This A. M. went into town 5 Range 15.

¹³ These towns in 1840 embraced the entire area of Walworth County, which now contains sixteen towns.

¹⁴ Joseph and James G. Humphrey settled in 1839 on section 7 of what is now the town of Richmond.

Friday July 17th 1840—This P. M. I went to Mr. [Justus] Carpenter's to employ him to break some but finding him absent went to Mr. Daws' on Sect 29, Town 5 R. 15, who informed me that he was attending church. Returned and measured Mr. Pratt's Breaking of this season which was 81 acres 2 ros. & 11½ Poles.

First New Potatoes to-day, & large ones too.

Saturday July 18th 1840—This afternoon I rode out alone into town 4 R. 15, to the Island &c.

Sunday July 19th 1840—To-day Mr. Muzzy, Powers & myself rode out on horse back to Brink's Mill¹⁵ Rockwel's Ferry, Mr. Mays Finch-town or Koshkonong, &c. Messrs. White & Smith moved in to-day.

Monday July 20th 1840—This A M. I went to see Mr. Carpenter about breaking some. And in the P M. took a tramp to Sect. 22 & 23 T. 4, R. 14 & 20 & 29 Town 4, R 15.

Teusday July 21st 1840—This P M I went on sects. 10 & 1.

Wednesday July 22nd 1840—About 3 o'clock this afternoon I set out for Milwaukie. Having an opportunity to ride with Old Mr. Perry as far as his house I arrived at Dr. Tripp's about 8 o'clock Thursday morning having staid at Mr. Whitcomb's over night. Mr. Carpenter agreed to break

Thursday July 23d 1840—Left the Doctor's about 9 o'clock & arrived at Milwaukie on foot about sunset. Stopped at the Milwaukie house, found the land office closed and not to open untill Teusday the 28th.

Friday July 24th 1840—Spent to-day in purchasing pine lumber for & writing to my brother Left the money with which I had calculated to buy land on Sect. 10 Town 4 Range 15 with Mr. H Fletcher clerk in the register's office

Saturday July 25th 1840—Left Milwaukie about 5 o'clock this morning on foot and arrived at Dr. T's about 4 P. M.

Sunday July 26th 1840—This AM. the Dr. Mr. Whitcomb & I went fishing on the lake. Left there about ½ past two P M & arrived at White Water 8 in the evening

First Green Corn at Mr. Pratts to-day.

¹⁵ Abram Brink, who came to Wisconsin in 1838, built a sawmill on Whitewater Creek, in the southern portion of Jefferson County.

Wednesday July 29th 1840—To-day Mr Loomis stacked about 5 tons of hay for me. Indications of Fever & ague.

Thursday July 30th 1840—Mr. Asaph Pratt left for Madison Co. New York this morning

Friday July 31st 1840—First Oats cradled on Mr. Pratts Land to-day.

Saturday Aug'st 1st 1840—Left White Water about 8 o'clock this morning for Milwaukie & arrived at Dr. Tripp's about 3 o'clock P.M.

Sunday Aug'st 2nd 1840—Left the Doctor's about 8 o'clock this morning and arrived at Milwaukie 6 o'clock in the evening. Found the letter containing the duplicates which was the object of my journey just mailed to be sent on to Whitewater

Monday Aug'st 3d 1840—Left Milwaukie 10 o'clock A M. & arrived at the Dr's $\frac{1}{2}$ past 8 in the evening. Whitcomb taken sick this A M

Teusday Aug'st 4th 1840—Left the Dr's 8 o'clock & arrived at White Water 5 P. M. Yesterday the Dr. commenced Fitting up his house

Saturday Aug'st 8th 1840—Messrs. [A. B.] Weed and [Samuel] Taft went to Beloit to return to-morrow. I sat up with Mr. Whitcomb this night.

Monday Aug'st 10th 1840—First melons—Mrs. Mead & Mrs. [Oliver C.] Magoon visited at Mr. P's

Teusday Aug'st 11th 1840—Dr. Tripp came out this PM. Mrs. Birge visited Mrs. P.

Wednesday Aug'st 12th 1840—Dr. T. returned Mr. [Zerah] Mead & I run a line between us.

Thursday Aug'st 13th 1840—Benjamin Whitcomb died this morning about 7 o'clock of an inflammation of the bowels—after an illness of 10 days. Dr. Tripp came out again

Friday Aug'st 14th 1840—Mr. W. was burid to-day about noon.

Saturday Aug'st 15th 1840—Mr. Powers & I visited the high bluff 6 miles east of White Water

Sunday Aug'st 16th 1840—Philarmon Pratt & I went black-berrying beyond Bark River Swam the river going & on our

return waded but were so unfortunate as not to get a single berry.
Com.[menced] b[oa]rdng. at Powers' noon

Monday Aug'st 17th 1840—This P. M. I went with two gentlemen from Honey creek Prairie looking land.

Teusday Aug'st 18th 1840—Mr. Pratt's teams went to Troy for wheat. [Prosper] Cravath, [Azor] Kenney, [Calvin] Pike & co. crossed Bark R.

Wednesday Aug'st 19th 1840—Mr Rowen From Fort. Winnebago was here on his way home via Kushkonong.

Thursday Aug'st 20th 1840—Freeman Pratt went to Troy for wheat with Team.

Saturday Aug'st. 22nd 1840—To day I rode with Geo. A. Hibbard Mail carrier as far as Capt. [Samuel L.] Porter's & walked from there to the doctor's. Spent the time most agreeably in hunting, fishing & meloning untill

Friday Aug'st. 28th 1840—when I again rode to White Water with the Doctor. Staid at Mr. Pratt's this evening.

Saturday Aug'st. 29th 1840—The Doctor returns to-day Mr. Pike leaves. Mr. Powers & I Drew agreement.

Sunday Aug'st 30th 1840—Mr. Smith Preaches to-day at Mr. Wm Birge's house.¹⁶

Monday Aug'st 31st 1840—To-day I assisted Mr. Powers rafting lumber from Bark River Mill.

Friday Sept 4th 1840—To-day I assisted Messrs. Powers & Birge.

Saturday Sept. 5th 1840—Meeting of the Commissioners of common schools took place at the house of Mr. McCrackin on Heart Prairie to day.

Sunday Sept 6th 1840—Called on Mr. Mead to-day PM.

Wednesday Sept. 9th 1840—A cotillon Party at Mr. Mead's this evening. Dr. Tripp came out to-day about 2 P M. &c &c.

Thursday Sept. 10th 1840—The Doctor returned to-day noon.

Friday Sept 11th 1840—Surveyed an eighth of Sect. 13 T. 4 R. 15. For Jeremiah Dodge

Sept 12th 1840—Saturday. Surveyed a sixteenth of Sect. 33 T. 5. R. 15. For Mr. A. B. Weed Caucus to-day P. M.

¹⁶ William Birge came to Whitewater in 1837 and built one of the earliest gristmills on the site. He was the father of Julius Birge, now a prominent manufacturer of St. Louis.

Sunday Sept. 13th 1840—To-day I intended to take a ride on ho[r]se-back but was Prevented by an attack of head ache and pain in my back. Therefore instead of taking a ride a dose of Calomel & Jalap was substituted. Mr. Muzzy rode to Jains Ville to-day and injured Mr. Birge's horse.

Monday Sept 14th 1840—Geo. Brown came out to-day with the Dr.'s Ox team to get out timber for his house. Took an Emetic this evening. Mr. Joseph Powers returned from the south this P. M. with the fever & ague.

Teusday Sept 15th 1840—To-day I feel no head-ache nor pain of any kind but rather a cold vacancy at the stomach.

Wednesday Sept. 16th 1840—Started this morning about 7 o'clock with Mr. [Joseph] Nichols and his team for Milwaukee expecting to find my brother & his family there. I felt very well untill within 4 miles of Dr. Tripps when I began to feel chilly and in a few minutes commenced shaking quite comfortably & supposing it only the effect of the weather I walked untill I became quite warm, and on arriving at the Doctor's having a violent fever I concluded to stop untill Mr. N. returned. This being my first fit of the ague it was no less a gratification than a satisfaction.

Thursday Sept. 17th 1840—Had no shake to-day and felt quite comfortable. The Doctor returned from White Water this P M

Friday Sept 18th 1840—Commenced shaking to-day about 11 o'clock & felt quite uncomfortable the remainder of the day.

Saturday Sept 19th 1840—This morning about 8 o'clock the Doctor started for Elkhorn at which place the county convention is held to-day. Mr Nichols returned about one o'clock & I rode to Whitewater with him.

Sunday Sept 20th 1840—Commenced shaking this morning about 9 o'clock.

Henry & Ela¹⁷ arrived here about 6 o'clock this evening, having come from Chicago by land in a one horse wagon having left Jacob with the goods on the S. B. at that place to return to Milwaukee.

Monday Sept. 21st 1840—Ela & I rode over to and made a visit

¹⁷ The diarist's brother Henry Starin and his wife.

at Mr. Mead's this afternoon. This morning about 7 o'clock Henry started with two of Pratt's teams for his goods at Milwaukee.

Tuesday Sept. 22nd 1840—Commenced shaking to-day about 8 o'clock.

Wednesday Sept. 23d 1840—In consequence of too violent exercise this A. M. riding on horseback to Mr. Mead's & of eating too freely of melons I bro't a shake upon me to-day about 1 o'clock P. M. a very unwelcome circumstance, having found it very tedious & undesirable once in two days. Henry returned this evening about ten o'clock with two loads, Mr. Nichols being on the way with the third & last.

Thursday, Friday, & Saturday Henry was engaged at Repairing & Preparing Mr. Birge's old house & on Saturday evening had it in order for living. Mr. [Sidney S.] Workman's house was raised this afternoon.

Sunday Sept. 27th 1840—

Monday Sept. 28th 1840—Election For the town of White Water held to-day at D. J. Powers' Hotel. 52 votes Polled.

Tuesday Sept 29th 1840—To-day I experienced the first remission of the ague, having taken Dr. Mowl's Medicine since last Thursday.

Wednesday Sept 30th 1840—Militia muster to-day at Mr. Esterlee's on Heart Pra[irie]¹⁸

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October 1st 1840—Thursday—Henry & I went to the village to-day for the first time since my ague. Mr. Hoppin went to Milwaukee to-day.

The weather is rainy & unpleasant this A. M. Towards night it becomes clear and quite pleasant Wind in the S. W. Dark, Rainy & Stormy night—

Oct. 2nd 1840—Friday—To-day I transferred the purchase of Power's Place to the Pratts

Cloudy and rainy this A. M. Cold, windy snowy and rainy

¹⁸ George Esterly, born in 1809 in New York state, removed in 1836 to Wisconsin and the next year opened a farm in the town of La Grange, Walworth County. He was the inventor of the Esterly reaper, for which the first patent was obtained in 1844. In 1856 a factory for its production was opened at Whitewater; during the Civil War and thereafter the Esterly reapers were widely employed in harvesting.

P. M. Wind in the S. W. hard all day and continues all night. Froze very hard in the night.

Oct. 3d 1840—Saturday—Henry went on sect. 1. Clear with a cold S. W. wind all day. Bright clear night.

Oct. 4th 1840—Sunday—Henry & Ela went to Mr. [William K.] May's to-day. Clear & pleasant with a S. W. breeze—all day—Bright night

Oct. 5th 1840—Monday—Drew up some wood & fenced about the hay-stack. Clear. S. W. wind. Bright & Pleas't night.

Oct. 6th 1840—Teusday—Henry and I started with single wagon for Koskonong, Pra. Du Lac,¹⁹ Janes Ville, Beloit &c. this morning, but in consequence of my exercise yesterday I got no farther than Mr. [Thomas K. Le] Barren's before I commenced shaking & was compelled to stop and let him proceed. After shaking I succeeded in walking as far back as Mr. [George B.] Halls.

Cool morning. N. W. wind. Clear. Bright moon at night.

Oct. 7th 1840—Wednesday—Rode out to White Water with Mr. Halls this morning S. W. wind clear & Pleas't. Bright night.

Oct. 8th 1840—Thursday—S. W. wind AM. & clear. N. E. wind P. M. & Dark & Rainy.

Oct. 9th 1840—Friday—Mr. Pratt's teams went to Milwaukee. N. E. wind not much rain A. M. P. M. cold & windy.

Henry returned this afternoon—

Oct. 10th 1840—Saturday—Dark & Rainy all day—clears off at night & the wind changes from N. E. to S. W.

Oct. 11th 1840—Sunday—S. W. wind clear Bright moon-shiny night.

Oct. 12th 1840—Monday—Mr. Pratt's teams returned from Milwaukee with goods for tavern. S. W. wind clear. Bright moon.

Oct. 13th 1840—Teusday—Henry & I went on Sect. 10, with compass & chain.

Doctor Tripp came out to-day.

S. W. wind clear Bright moon at night

¹⁹ Prairie du Lac lies in the southern part of the town of Milton, Rock County.

Oct. 14th 1840—Wednesday—Mr. Pratt moved to-day. Surveyed city-lots—half-day. Fires commenced running S. E. From here N. E. wind very warm sun. Bright moon

Oct. 15th 1840—Thursday—Fires (NE) (E) & (SE)—Mrs. Tripp returned from the east to-day. S. C. L. [Surveyed city lots] half-day. N. E. wind cool. clear.

Oct. 16th 1840—Friday—Cool N.E.w.AM. N.E. wind with rain P. M.

Oct. 17th 1840—Saturday—East wind and rainy AM. South wind & clear P. M. Rainy night.

Oct. 18th 1840—Sunday—Had a light shake of the ague to-day. Clear with S. wind, a heavy shower at night. Mr. & Mrs. Pratt visited this evening.

Oct. 19th 1840—Monday—West wind and clear all day—Jeremiah Dodge raised a log house on Sect. 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ T. 4, R 15.

Oct. 20th 1840—Teusday—Mr. Carpenter went to Milwaukee to-day. Cold morning. N. W. wind and clear. Rainy night

Oct. 21st 1840—Wednesday—House warming at Cha's Hamilton's. This evening—N. W. wind clear & Pleas't. Bright night.

Oct. 22nd 1840—Thursday—Very hard west wind, clear. This evening I saw five fires burning in different directions

Oct. 23rd 1840—Friday—Froze very hard last night, very hard cold west wind all day.

Oct. 24th 1840—Saturday—Doctor Tripp moved here with his family to-day—Hard frost last night cold west wind & Freezing all day. Snowy & Blustery P. M.

Oct. 25th 1840—Sunday—cold west wind and raw. Blusterings of snow all day.

Oct. 26th 1840—Monday. Started on horseback for Milwaukee Racine &c about noon. Stopped for the night at the house of John Spoor, S. W. $\frac{1}{4}$, S. 3 T. 4 R. 17.

Very cold morning, moderates near noon Cool south west wind all day.

Oct. 27th 1840. Teusday—Passed through Mukwonago. Prairie Ville²⁰ to-day & stopped for the night at Mr. Thos. M. Riddle's on Sect 29, T. 7, R. 21.

²⁰ Prairieville was the early name of the present Waukesha.

S. W. wind. A. M. moderate. P M. smoky and appearance of rain.

Oct. 28th 1840—Wednesday—Passed through Milwaukee & staid at Mr. [Walter] Cooley's

S. W. wind cloudy Part of the day—moderate.

Oct. 29th 1840—Thursday—Stopped at Racine, & contracted to teach the winter school, left about 2 PM & staid at Mr. [John B.] Wade's 9 m. E. of Rochester

N. E. wind cloudy A. M. Rainy PM. but clear cold and windy towards night.

Oct. 30th 1840—Friday—Passed through Rochester, Spring Prairie, Troy and arrived at White Water in the evening.

Cold morning west wind & cloudy.

Oct. 31st 1840—Saturday—Fires Burned down between the two branches of the White Water to-day.

S. W. wind clear warm & Pleas't.

November 1st. 1840. Sunday—White Water Prairie burned this P. M. S. W. Wind. Warm & Pleasant all day.

Nov. 2nd 1840. Monday. Burnt Stack S. W. wind, clear, warm & Pleas't.

Nov. 3rd 1840—Teusday.—Run lines on sects. 1 & 10. S. W. Wind & clear, AM. N. E. wind, cloudy & some rain P. M.

Nov. 4th 1840. Wednesday. Dark & cloudy.

Nov. 5th 1840. Thursday. H & E. visited Mr. Mead's this P. M.

Very foggy & cloudy A. M. Clear and Pleasant P. M. No wind.

Nov. 6th 1840. Friday. Surveyed city lots all day. Sylvanus Wilcox came here—Heard of the accident of the S. B. Missouri near Saginaw Bay, On the 23d Oct.

West wind Clear, warm & pleasant all day.

Nov. 7th 1840. Saturday—Mr. Wilcox, Henry & I started for Ill. this A. M. 10 o'clock. Passed over Rock Pra. & staid at Mr. Richard Inman's. Cloudy with south east wind and some rain.

Nov. 8th 1840. Sunday. Passed thro. Beloit & stopped at Rock-ford for the night. D. Howel. Cold & hard N west wind. Flying clouds.

Nov. 9th 1840. Monday. Proceeded down the river as far as Kishwaukee—& then up the Kishwaukee to Newburg—where Mr. W. left us. Staid at Mr. Enix's on the road to Beloit. S & S.E. wind, clear all day. Very cold & chilly night.

Nov. 10th Teusday. Passed thro. Beloit & staid at Mr. Timothy Burnum's on Rock Pra. South East wind—clear, ex. Smoke of fires.

Nov. 11th Wednesday. Passed thro. Johnstown & arrived at White Water 2 o'clock PM—South E. wind cold rain AM. P.M. Breaks away.

Nov. 12th 1840. Thursday. Surveyed city lots all day Cold benumbing N. W. wind all day.

Nov. 13th 1840—Friday—S. C. L. H & E visited Dr. Tripps Alternately clear & cloudy—chilly wind.

Mr. [Benjamin] Staunton's Family arrived to-day.

Nov. 14th 1840. Saturday. Finished S. C. L. Cold N. W. wind & Blustering. Cloudy.

Nov. 15th 1840—Sunday. This morning I started for Racine. Rode as far as Rochester with Henry.

Cold frosty morning with $\frac{1}{2}$ inch snow—cold & unpleasant N. W. wind all day.

Nov. 16th 1840. Monday. Left Rochester this morning $\frac{1}{2}$ past 6 o'clock on foot, and arrived at Racine 4 o'clock P. M. Snow $\frac{1}{2}$ inch at Fox river & 2 inches at Racine

Clear, Cold N. W. wind.

Found court Sitting & The Trustees unprepared for a school untill next week in consequence of plastering the room. Commenced Boarding at Mr. [Albert G.] Knights.

Nov. 17th Teusday. Cold N. W. wind & clear

Nov. 18th Wednesday NW & W. wind cloudy & mod.

Nov. 19th 1840. Thursday—West wind moderate with strong indications of snow.

Nov. 20th 1840. Friday—N.E. wind M. moderate Commenced snowing at 4 P. M.

The Court finished its business & adjourned this P. M.

Nov. 21st 1840. Saturday. The snow which commenced falling yesterday P. M. changed to rain & to-day we experience a hard N. E. wind accompanied with rain.

The Schr. Liberty ran ashore this night 12 miles below this place, on her way to Chicago.

Nov. 22nd 1840—Sunday—Storm still continues. Wind hard E. SE.

Nov. 23rd 1840—Monday—W. wind, clear & pleasant A. M. Cold W. wind & cloudy PM.

Schr. Milwaukee anchored in the bay with a cargo of shingles from Manitowoc.

Nov. 24th 1840—Tuesday—W. wind cold & cloudy A.M. PM. Blustering cold.

Nov. 25th 1840. Wednesday—West wind clear Warm sun. Thaws some.

Nov. 26th 1840. Thursday—N & NE. wind cold clear a m cloudy p. m.

Nov. 27th 1840. Friday—South wind clear warm sun Thaws. I went up the lake & far as Mr. [Levi] Blake's.

Nov. 28th 1840. Saturday — S & SW. wind clear warm sun & thaws considerable. The Schr. "Michigan" with a cargo of Salt anchored in the Bay last night. For Wright & Co. Sailed likewise with salt for Milwaukee.

Nov. 29th Sunday—West wind clear & comfortably warm. I attend church at the Court house this P. M. Mr. Moulthrop [Rev. L. F. Moulthrop, Methodist]

Nov. 30th. Monday. Very cold sharp west wind in the morning, cold. Freezing & clear all day. Clear, moonshiny night Commenced School this morning. Had 17 schollars.

Jan'y 1st. 1841. Friday—

To-day the elated Whigs hold a festival at Milwaukee for the purpose of celebrating the result of the late political contest which was an unprecedented Victory over their opponents and the Elevation of W^m H. Harrison to the Presidency & John Tyler to the Vice Presidency. (Electoral Vote 234, to 60.)

Snow here is rather scarce but nevertheless, the runners are ironing to a state of complete Schorchification.

I never before saw people so wholly enamored with any

recreation, as the people of Racine are this day with that of Sleigh-riding.

This evening I enjoy the society of a party of old and young-old people who had assembled at the house of L. Filer for the purpose of celebrating the occasion. And verily did they sustain its dignity.

January 2nd 1841—Saturday—

This is truly coldest day that I have thus far seen in Wisconsin. The air is piercing, clothes seem no impediment to the searching Zephyr.

Jany. 3d 1841—Sunday—

Attended church at the courthouse this a.m. where Mr. [Rev. Jason] Lathrop [Lothrop] Lectured To-day Lake Michigan resembles a sunlit cloud of vapor.

Jany. 4th 1841. Monday. The County Com. of Racine Co. convened to-day. I commenced boarding at Mr. [John A.] Carswell's. Report of an indian's being shot in McHenry Co. Ill.

Jany. 5th 1841. Teusday. Suffered to-day from a severe cold.

Jany 7th 1841. Thursday. Commenced boarding at Mr. Briggs' 2 miles from town.

Jany. 9th. Saturday 1841. Walked to Southport Kenosha to-day with Mr. [Harrison K.] Fay. Having never visited the place previously.

Jany. 17th 1841. Sunday. Last week was to me one of no extraordinary occurrences. On Thursday evening there was a ball at Myers & Graves' of the Milwaukee house. Several of our citizens attended.

Jany. 24th 1841—Sunday—Last week as the preceding one affords no matter for record. Except that I boarded at the Racine House

Feb'y. 5th Friday, 1841. The weather being cloudy I had despaired of seeing the eclipse of the moon which was to take place this evening, but before 3 P. M. the sun emerged from his obscurity. . . . The eclipse was total and remained entire 45 minutes.

Friday Feby. 19th 1841—To-day I closed my school at Racine. . . .

Saturday Feby. 20th 1841—Found an opportunity to ride with a gentleman by the name of [Charles] Taylor as far as Mr. [Robert] Augurs $4\frac{1}{2}$ miles from Troy found the road destitute of snow and rather muddy. Left Racine about 9 o'clock and arrived at Mr. Augurs about 8 in the evening

Sunday Feby. 21st 1841—Left Mr. Augur's this morning about 7 AM. on foot. took Breakfast at Mr. [John or George] Robison's at Troy, and arrived at White Water about 2 P. M. found the people all well and the village Progressive.

Monday Feby. 22nd 1841—Being somewhat fatigued from yesterday's tramp I spent most of the day at home in quietude

Wednesday Feby. 24th 1841—Established three corners of Mr. Muzzy's land on Sect. 31, Town 5, Range 14 E.

Thursday, Feby. 25th 1841—Henry & W^m. Birge made a bargain for land on Sect. 4.

Friday Feb'y 26th 1841—Willard B. Johnson teams started for Milwaukee and I finding myself unprepared did not accompany them, as I had anticipated, and staid this evening at Mr. Pratt.

Saturday Feb'y. 27th 1841—Surveyed for Mr. Birge on Sect. 4. to-day—P.M.

Monday March 1st. 1841—

Teusday March 2nd 1841—Run the north line of sect. 4, for Mr. Birge to-day assisted by Van Horran [Thomas Van Horn] & [Warren] Earle—this evening accompanied Mr. Robison [Charles Robinson] on a legal errand to Mr. Humphreys.

Wednesday March 3d 1841—Started this morning 9 o'clock with N & F. Pratts teams for Racine by way of Milwaukee—Staid over-night at Fox River.

Thursday March 4th 1841—Started 8 o'clock and arrived at Milwaukee 6 o'clock in the evening. Cold raw and unpleasant E. wind

Friday March 5th 1841—Had an opportunity to ride as far as Mr. Chad—[?] 8 miles from Racine, from there on foot, arrived at Mr. Killip's about 7 o'clock in the evening.

Friday March 12th 1841—The last week has been distinguished for the uniform and delightful weather with which we have been favored. . . .

It commenced snowing and blowing from the Northeast this evening, and

Saturday morning, March 13th the ground was covered with an inch of snow, all of which however disappeared under the influence of a melting sun at 3 PM. Protracted meeting commenced here last Teusday by Rev. Ordwell [Rev. Moses Ordway] from Prairie Ville.

Mr. Smith, a mormon Priest preached at the Court house this evening.

Sunday March 14th 1841—To-day it is clear and pleasant with a brisk lake-breeze.

Monday March 15th 1841—Snow storm with south-east wind pretty brisk in the morning but in the course of the day it changed to North East and continued to blow all night

Teusday March 16th 1841—Wind and storm rather abated lea[v]ing about 5 inches of snow on the ground about 10 AM the weather moderated and cleared up.

Wednesday March 17th 1841—The weather to-day is quite moderate the snow is wasting fast.

Thursday March 18th 1841—Snow vanishes to-day at night there is none left but it is pretty muddy. Noticed to-night the first thunder & lightning this spring.

Friday March 19th 1841—The morning is foggy and extremely mild. Pigeons commenced flying this morning for the first time this spring. about 10 o'clock AM. we were favored with a fine thunder shower from the North west which lasted but an hour when it cleared up and was very pleasant during the remainder part of the day.

Saturday March 20th 1841—Very clear, bright warm and pleasant all day I went gunning up Root River this AM. Sugar boiling. Roads getting dry & dusty

Sunday March 21st 1841—Messrs. Killip & Hurley went to Milwaukee on horseback. Some cooler than yesterday yet clear & pleasant.

Monday March 22nd 1841—Cloudy and rainy A. M. Clear PM. cloudy night.

Tuesday March 23d 1841—Roads are very soft and muddy. Root River about Breaking up—Clear

Saturday March 27th 1841—During the last three days the weather has suffered a variety of changes and we have had a good share rainy, wet & muddy weather. This evening old Boreas begins to blow his pipe from the North East and fails not to give a moderate sprinkling at the same time

Messrs. Killip & Hurley returned from Milwaukee this evening about 7 o'clock.

Sunday March 28th 1841—The Northeast wind continues to blow very violently, accompanied with some rain, and thus united they form a complete tempest. Ice all gone from the lake shore yesterday.

Monday March 29th The North east wind still continues to blow, and the rain ceases not. A terrible frown on the lake

Teusday March 30th It snowed a little last night, & this morning it is somewhat cold the N. E. wind still continues light

Wednesday March 31st Cool east wind & the rain has ceased. Schr. Wisconsin down from Chicago this evening about 9 o'clock was hailed with joy as the first vessel this spring. She put out on monday from Chicago and after having been blown about 2 day's during the unusual storm made the harbor again on Teusday evening and this morning put out again bound for Manitowoc, after a cargo of lumber, C. S. Wright

Thursday April 1st 1841—Racine Corporation Bill accepted to-day.²¹ A schooner passed down the lake supposed to be the Michigan this afternoon

Friday April 2nd Mr. Goodwin & I went shooting ducks up Root River to-day PM.

Monday April 5th 1841—The Board of County Commissioners met to-day.

Port of Chicago, March 25th Schr. Drift Capt. Boughton arr. from St. Jo. with Lumb. Schr. Ottawa Capt. Nicholson

²¹ Feb. 13, 1841, the territorial legislature passed an act of incorporation for Racine, which was to take effect when adopted by two-thirds of the voters within the limits of the village. The diarist here reports the passage of the referendum.

arr. from St. Jo. with Lumb. Cleared Gen. Thornton Capt. Harding, pass'rs. fr. St. Jo. March 29th Schr. Ocean, John Giles, pass'rs. Muskegon. Schr. Drift. light fr. St. Jo. Schr. Ottawa light fr. St. Jo. March 31st Schr. Memee, Capt. Dan Shelley—freight Mich. city. Schr. Wiskonsan, Capt. Jno. Jackson, pass. T. Rivers Schr. Mich. Russel Crary, freight for Twin Rivers.

Wednesday April 7th 1841—A schooner supposed to be the Michigan passed to-day going south Dr. Wm. Kennicott repaired my teeth to-day.

Thursday April 8th County Commissioners adj.

Thursday April 15th Schr. Wiskonsan passed on her way north. Bridge finished

Erie Canal navigation commenced to-day

Sunday April 18th Mr. Hurley and I walked down to wind point on the beach. collecting curiosities—&c

Wednesday Apr. 21st Rec^d intelligence of the death of Jacob H. Gardinier to-day. . . .

Friday April 23d 1841—Paper from C. B. Freeman

Saturday Apr. 24th Went to Southport to-day with Mr. Bigelow of Troy NY. & Harrison Reed. Schr. Meme North. Schr. Columbia south.

Sunday Apr. 25th Mr. [Rev. Stephen D.] Peet of Mil. Preached Steam Boat Western, passed here 12 o'clock to night Being the First this spring. Not being expected she passed without landing.

Teusday Apr. 27th Great Western down about 3 P. M. Landed one family and some goods Mr. Case and family left. 15 cords wood

April 29th 4 schrs. up. 30th.

May 1st 1841 Steam Boat Madison Down from Chicago for Buffalo 5 o'clock PM. Passed. Scarcely stopping

Sunday May 2nd 1841—Quarterly meetings

Monday May 3d. Mr. Stevens left for Bloomington Ill.

Thursday May 6th. Steam Boat Illinois up 10 o'clock eve. Passed without stopping

Friday May 7th Lieuts Webster & Hagrun went north on stage for Green Bay. Extra Stage to Milwaukee.

Saturday May 8th S.B. Illinois Down. Stopped & took passengers, 10 o'clock evening.

May 9th 1841—Steam Boat Missouri up 6 o'clock AM. No passengers.

May 11th S.B. Western up 9 o'clock AM

May 11th S.B. Missouri Down 5 o'clock PM.

May 14th S.B. Western Down 6 PM

May 15th S.B. Constellation up—5 AM

May 16th S.B. Constellation Down 6 P. M.

May 16th S.B. Madison—up 6 PM.

The two boats met here and the presence of a number of other craft on the Lake combined with pleasantness of the day presented an admirable spec.

Sunday 16th Monday & teusday were very warm and pleasant days in fact the first weather suitable for May we have yet had.

Teusday May 18th. S.B. Madison Down 10 PM wooded and was detained untill 2 o'clock A merry time aboard by the Bravos of Racine

Wednesday May 19th To-day and last Saturday I assisted in getting out timber for the harbor Steam Boat Bunker Hill up 5 PM. Landed 8 passengers & some freight. Banker ague.

Thursday May 20th 1841—A.B. Hibbard left for Madison.

Friday May 21st. 1841—Steam Boat Bunker Hill Down 5 o'clock P. M.

Saturday May 22nd 1841—Yesterday & to-day I plowed on E. Filers Place.

Monday May 24th. Moses Vilas and I were engaged leveling Main Street for Grading.

Teusday May 25th Planted corn &c. &c.

Thursday 27th I. [J?] A. Hibbard's Stage wagon

Friday & Saturday. Hard N.E. wind. Schr. Columbia of Milwaukee blown off.